

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room  
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Al Cummings, Chair, Michael Nelson, Christopher Boutwell and Gina McNeely, Health Director

**Guest:** Kate Orlando, UMass pre-med Student

**Meet Kate Orlando, University of Massachusetts pre-med student.**

**Ms. Orlando would like to do volunteer work for the Board of Health.**

- **Contact**

Gina received a call from Kate who is interested in doing some volunteer work for the Board of Health. Gina is thinking that a great project where Kate could put some of her talents to work on Green Burials and the pro's and con's as they relate to Public Health.

- **Volunteer**

Kate is an EMT and is studying Neuroscience at UMASS. The Toxic Use Reduction Institute (TURI). They have a \$10,000 grant available that focuses on Formaldehyde use in mortuaries. For this year we have missed the deadline but it would be a great focus for 2017.

The want a collaborate effort between groups to be able to apply for the grant. A possibility of collaborations will be Green Burials Massachusetts and the Mount Grace Land Trust.

- **CPR**

There is an 8% survival rate for cardiac arrest even with the EMS response time and technology advancement. These factors have not increased the survival rate. The movement is to get more people trained to do bystander CPR. About ½ the arrests are witnessed but only 30% of the arrests have bystanders step in to perform CPR. Kate would like to focus on bystander CPR as well. Some of the reasons people don't get trained are: lack of interest, lack of time to commit, suing, disease passed and cost. Kate would like to educate people on how to recognize when someone is having an arrest and how to step in to help. Kate is willing to lead a CPR class both hands only and/or mouth to mouth. Gina would like to piggyback on the choke saving training required for restaurants that have 25 seats or more and that training is not easily available. Chris Boutwell suggested training town employees at the Public Safety Complex. The rate is 22.5% for arrests that are in public; so it is important to expose those individuals as well to the class.

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept Kate Orlando – UMASS Pre-Med Student as a volunteer to the Board of Health who will work with Gina McNeely on Green Burials, CPR and other projects. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

### **Minutes June 15, 2016:**

*Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the June 15, 2016 minutes as presented. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

### **Director's Report for June and July 2016:**

- Carnegie Library most people have been moved out of the basement to the main floor. Gina has met with the trustees, DPW and Library personnel.
- 107 G Street landlord (Danny Mason) has not been able to get in to do repairs. Gina has only been to that property once in 16 years.
- Millers River Café – located in Orange, MA a vendor at the Homelands Festival
- Exhaust Hood was installed at Thomas Memorial Country Club

- AMC owns wooded land on Greenfield Road (11 acres) to create campsites on the entire edge of the Connecticut River with composting toilets which will have to be totally enclosed. Just have to monitor the campsites.
- 40-42 Main Street Montague Center. The rear house is on septic it was sold and failed title 5 so now it will be pumped up and hooked to the sewer.
- 4 K Street – Gina went to court and in front of Judge Fine that it was a civil case and not a housing case.
- Skunk call – can't remove the skunks or any other wild animals in MA (due to the transmission of rabies through Raccoons) and Gina educated them on the skunks
- Red Fire Farm wants to put a house trailer at their farm for use as a breakroom for their workers. David Jensen and Gina McNeely discussed the use and the size of septic system which was designed for 700 gpd in the 1970's.
- 108 Avenue A up for sale by Danny Chow.
- Computer software for BOH and Building Department still in process.
- 132 L Street in process of rehabilitation.

Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the June and July 2016 Director's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

**Health Inspector's Report for June and July 2016:**

- Methane gas training – tool has been purchased
- 38 East Main Street meeting with Richard Farrick's Attorney, Julie Dares and David Jensen.
- 18 Central Street – Receivership as no one in the family wanted the property.
- Joan Felton – D-Box issues – Gina inspected and everything looked fine.

Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept the June and July 2016 Director's Report. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

**254 Federal St, Local Upgrade Approval pursuant to 310 CMR 15.405 reduction in the separation to groundwater as allowed by law.**

- This is a repair of an existing system at a 3 bedroom house. An excellent plan was submitted for review. He chose a system called a presby which allows you to be within 2 feet of ground water.

Michael Nelson **motioned** to accept 254 Federal St, Local Upgrade Approval pursuant to 310 CMR 15.405 reduction in the separation to groundwater from 4 feet to 3 feet. Seconded by Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

**Vacation request from Director: September 19-29, 2016**

Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the vacation request for September 19-29 2016. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.**

Michael Nelson **motioned** to adjourn at 6:24 PM. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.**

Meeting adjourned: 6:24PM

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of documents used at this meeting:**

Green Burial Information & CPR Information  
 June Minutes  
 June Director's Report  
 July Director's Report  
 June Health Inspector's Report  
 July Health Inspector's Report  
 254 Federal Street File